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Summary. The ringleader of the insurgents is Trampas. The Virginian sees that the best way to win over the men is to make a fool of Trampas. His chance comes when the train stops near a bridge that is being repaired. Since there is no food on the train, the Virginian goes out and gathers a sackful of frogs to cook. Virginian symbolizes the West's initial resistance to the taming forces of the East and its inevitable surrender. At the beginning of the novel, Wister portrays the Virginian as the epitome of freedom and rugged individualism. A self-reliant bachelor, skilled at his frontier craft of roping calves and riding horses, The Virginian then asks Judge Henry to give Molly one of his horses as a gift, and organizes a welcoming party for her. Molly stubbornly refuses to befriend the Virginian, but her hostess, Mrs. Taylor, encourages her, and when she finds out that her horse was from him, she agrees to go riding with him., The Virginian Book Chapter Summary.

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